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FM USINT BAGHDAD

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 820

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IZ, IN

SUBJECT: NEW INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO IRAQ

1. NEW INDIAN AMBASSADOR ROMESH BHANDARI ARRIVED BAGHDAD NOV 15, ONLY 10 DAYS AFTER DEPARTING BAGKOK, HIS LAST POST.

ACCORDING TO INDIAN EMBOFF, BHANDARI AND HIS WIFE (WHO HAS NOT YET ARRIVED) ARE ONE OF LEADING INDIAN DIPLOMATIC DUOS, VERY WEALTHY AND WELL CONNECTED IN HIGHEST DELHI CIRCLES. HIS APPOINTMENT, ACCORDING TO EMBOFF, IS INDICATION OF GROWING IMPORTANCE INDIA ATTACHES TO IRAQ AND HIS MISSION IS TO CONSOLIDATE RELATIONS THROUGH NEGOTIATION OF SEVERAL NEW ACCORDS (UNSPECIFIED) AND TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR VISIT BY PM GANDHI.

2. BHANDARI IS WASTING NO TIME. HE INFORMED DG OF PROTOCOL AT AIRPORT ARRIVAL THAT HE HOPED TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS SOON BUT IN ANY CASE HE WOULD START CIRCULATING IMMEDIATELY.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE AVAILABLE BIO DATA FROM ADDRESSEES.

4. INDIAN EMBOFF MENTIONED INTERESTING INTELLIGENCE ITEM ON
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INDIAN-IRAQI RELATIONSHIP: SEVERAL MONTHS AGO IRAQ HAD

SUGGESTED THREE-WAY INTELLIGENCE COOPERATION WITH SOMALIA.
INDIAN SERVICE HAD TURNED IDEA DOWN. LOWRIE

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